

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Special Meeting

November 2, 1964
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Palmer presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works; Robert A. Miles, Chief of Police

Invocation was delivered by MR. DOREN R. ESKEW, City Attorney.

Mayor Palmer announced this was a Special Called Meeting of the Austin City Council to adopt a very important Proclamation; to approve the erection of a banner on Congress Avenue and 11th Street; to grant permission for a parade and for the barricading of streets along the parade route and in the vicinity of the speaker's platform; to authorize the City Manager to take such steps as may be needed to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic wherever necessary for security purposes; and to discuss any details that need to be worked out.

Mayor Palmer announced this was a momentous day in the City of Austin and there are times in the lives of a City when one of its citizens makes particular contributions to his City, to his State and to the Nation, and the Council this morning had a Proclamation prepared honoring the President of the United States.

Mayor Palmer read the resolution as follows:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there is no place like home; and

WHEREAS, the home-folks of the Capital City of Texas are being especially honored by the home-coming of America's First Family; and

WHEREAS by modern miracles, free men around the world, and those who thirst for freedom, will become our guests, while the President of the United States and his neighbors await the command of the sovereign voters of America as they exercise that sacred right and duty in this free land to freely choose

their public servants from the courthouse to the White House; and

WHEREAS, America, under God, is renewed and strengthened at home and abroad, by faith in that quality of neighborliness which understands that true greatness lies in being the servant of all; and,

WHEREAS, his fellow-townsmen wish to re-affirm for their best known neighbor, and to exhibit to those around the world who share his homecoming, the reality behind the reason that Austin has long been known as "The Friendly City"; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That as a token of our greatest esteem we hereby especially set apart Monday, the 2nd day of November, 1964, A.D., for celebration and recognition as

"LYNDON JOHNSON DAY IN AUSTIN"

Witness our hands and the official seal of the City of Austin this the 2nd day of November, 1964, A.D.

	s/ Lester E. Palmer Mayor
ATTEST:	s/ Travis LaRue Councilman
	s/ Emma Long Councilman
	s/ Louis Shanks Councilman
s/ Elsie Woosley City Clerk	s/ Ben White Councilman

The Council, by standing vote, unanimously adopted this resolution proclaiming this date "LYNDON JOHNSON DAY IN AUSTIN". Since this is the "homecoming" of the President to the City of Austin, it is also a homecoming to the Tenth District. Mayor Palmer presented the Proclamation to HONORABLE J. J. PICKLE, Congressman of the Tenth District. CONGRESSMAN PICKLE said this resolution was something PRESIDENT and MRS. JOHNSON would cherish all of their life; this is an honor to them; to Austin, and to the Tenth District.

Mayor Palmer stated there would be a motorcade which would necessitate the granting of permission for a parade and the barricading of the streets along the parade route, and in the vicinity of the speaker's platform. The Council needs to grant permission to the City Manager to barricade such streets and take such other steps as may be needed to control vehicular and pedestrian traffic wherever necessary for security purposes. Councilman Long moved that the City Council grant the authority necessary to carry out the purposes stated by the Mayor. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

Councilman Long moved that the Council grant the request for erecting

the banner at 11th and Congress Avenue. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council, the Arrangement Committee and City Administration discussed general details of the occasion, covering the hanging of some of the tinsel between 10th and 11th Streets, having the lights on the bridges leading into Austin turned on, and other details. MR. WILL DAVIS was appointed to be the coordinator for the Committee and Assistant City Manager, Jim Wilson, the coordinator for the City, on arrangements, or changes. DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE BEVERLY LAWS and MAJOR BIGGERSTAFF assigned as coordinators of traffic, reserved areas and barricading of streets. Advance arrangements should go through Mr. Jim Wilson.

CONGRESSMAN PICKLE invited the Council Members and their wives or husband to be on the Official Welcoming Committee to meet America's First Family upon their arrival in Austin. The Council agreed to be ready to leave from the City Hall at 7:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Councilman LaRue moved that the Council adjourn. The motion, seconded by Councilman Long, carried by the following vote:


Ayes: Councilmen LaRue, Long, Shanks, White, Mayor Palmer
Noes: None

The Council adjourned subject to the call of the Mayor.

APPROVED


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk